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The officers, who had been on the side, the double doors of the house swung wide and the casket was hoisted into its place in the hearse just as another of the minute guns boomed forth. The bodybearers stepped to their places beside the wheels and the command to move was given. Almost all sounds were lost in the clatter of the squadron of cavalry as it trotted, with the rattling of lace ornaments, to the position ahead of the hearse. At intervals of sixty seconds the guns flashed and the sullen boom echoed in the air.

The little group of officers entered carriages and were driven into position following the hearse. There were few notable at the Capitol. Only the officers engaged in the ceremony of the removal of the casket were present. The hearse was followed by a number of officers, with a number of his office force and a few friends stood on one of the lower steps and reverently watched the funeral train depart.

The line of march was the shortest between the two points. Across the plaza to the north column headed to B Street, where it descended the long, westward to the position ahead of the hearse, which seemed to look down on the body of the man during whose Administration peace had been the crown of a glorious war.

One of the most appropriate features of the procession to the funeral station was the presence of the brigade of the National Guard which, formed in double files, one on each side of the Avenue, extending from the Peace Monument to Sixth Street. The crowd was effectively restrained from encroaching upon the line of march by the presence of each man brought his piece to "present."

Down at the depot the officials and army and navy officers began to arrive about 7 o'clock. The officers came in groups, some on duty in Washington to report at the station to act as a guard from the entrance of the depot to the train. The officers stood about in groups anxiously awaiting the arrival of the funeral train. Mr. Cortright, the chief of the officials, through the gates accompanied by Mrs. Cortright.

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## BENEATH THE GREAT DOME

### State Funeral of Mr. McKinley in the Capitol Rotunda.

Impressive Ceremony Amid Historic Surroundings—Masses of Beautiful Flowers Around the Vast Chamber—Sermon by Bishop E. G. Andrews.

Although the religious services in the Rotunda of the Capitol were expected to take place within a few minutes after the funeral procession left the White House, it was two hours after that time before they were begun. Long before 9 o'clock persons who held tickets of admission to the Capitol began to arrive. Eight hundred chairs had been placed on the tessellated floor. In the center of the vast space was the historic catafalque on which had been placed the body of William McKinley—the exact center of the Rotunda.

More than 200 feet above was the dome, and the other dimensions of the place were in proportion to the height of the dome. The catafalque was a simple structure, the seats for the relatives, friends, officials, and others were placed. Nothing save the bier and the great masses of floral tributes was there to remind the spectator that it was an occasion of sorrow. The great mural columns stretched of giant and white upward. The paintings depicting historical scenes in the nation's history, the catafalque was placed on or about their frames. Through windows a hundred feet above, streamed the light of day, despite the clouds which lighted the sun's rays. It was all as if the sun had come to the Capitol to witness the funeral.

On the stone floor around the walls, beneath the paintings, were placed the floral tributes. They formed a complete chain around the catafalque. The most conspicuous was a huge representation in red, white, and blue in the center of the emblem of the Eight Army Corps. It bore the inscription in floral letters:

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## LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE

### Last Hours of the Vigil Over the Late President's Body.

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Slowly through the open portals of the White House, the casket containing the body of William McKinley, late President of the United States, was yesterday borne, while a great hush fell upon the assembled gathering of distinguished citizens who had gathered there to pay the final homage to all that was mortal of the great man who was then for the last time quitting the home which he had loved so well.

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